

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
AUGUST 17, 2016**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, August 17, 2016, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
John Bell	Absent
David Hurst	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Nancy Eckerle	Present
Dean Vonderheide	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. Six of the seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes.

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. July 20, 2016 regular common council meeting

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

JCAC. Jasper Community Arts Commission member Jay Hamlin attended the meeting on behalf of the Board.

Welcome. Mayor Seitz welcomed three Forest Park high school students who were in attendance as part of their government class.

PUBLIC HEARING-VACATE EASEMENT

Mayor Seitz opened the public hearing concerning the petition of Chad Kiefer and Mitzi Hedinger to vacate a portion of an electric line and its prescriptive easement that is located between Lots 103 and 104 in R.J. Hochgesang's Fifth Addition.

A notice appeared in the Herald on August 5, 2016, was posted at city hall and was faxed to the news media.

Nathan Waggner with Cash Waggner and Associates said he was representing Chad and Mitzi [Hedinger] Kiefer. Waggner said his clients want to vacate an easement located between Lots 103 and 104 in the R.J. Hochgesang Fifth Addition because they want to build a house in that area. The easement contains an electric line. His clients will pay to have the electric line moved to the easement located between Lots 104 and 105. They currently own four lots but they intend to replat that area into three lots so they can build a house across the current lot lines.

Mayor Seitz then asked for comments from the public. No comments were received.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to close the public hearing. Motion carried 6-0 and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-16 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, VACATING A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT

This ordinance vacates a portion of an electric line and its prescriptive easement that is located between Lots 103 and 104 in R.J. Hochgesang's Fifth Addition. [Chad Kiefer and Mitzi Hedinger petition]

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member David Hurst to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2016-16. Motion carried 6-0.

UTILITY SERVICE BOARD REPORT

Utility Service Board Chairman Rick Stradtner gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on August 15, 2016. A copy of the Utility Service Board minutes is supplied to each council member.

EDA GRANT APPLICATION FOR A WATER LINE

Lisa Gehlhausen, Executive Director of Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, said in January a grant pre-application that was submitted to the

Economic Development Administration [EDA] for the Newton Street Water Line upgrade project was denied. On July 29, 2016 a grant pre-application for this same project was re-submitted. On August 8, 2016 the City was told by EDA to submit a grant application for this project. This is a 50/50 matching grant. Gehlhausen then described the project as follows: the water line would be installed from Bartley Street to Newton Street along 6th Street; from 2nd Street to 6th Street along Newton; on Newton Street from 6th Street to 30th Street and a small section going east along 30th Street. Gehlhausen added that if the City acts quickly they could possibly get fiscal year 2016 funding for this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$2,760,000. The grant application is for \$1,380,000 so the City's share would be \$1,380,000. Gehlhausen asked the council to reconfirm the funding for this project and approve the grant application submission which will be in the form of a resolution. Mayor Seitz then presented Resolution No. 2016-7.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-7 RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS

This resolution authorizes the submission of an EDA grant application for the proposed Newton Street water line project and the money the utilities will commit for the local match.

A motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Dean Vonderheide to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the resolution by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the resolution. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2016-7. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-15 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA ESTABLISHING A DEDICATED FUND TO PROVIDE A FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY MECHANISM TO GUARANTEE AVAILABLE DEDUCTIBLE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CITY'S PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS (UST)

This ordinance establishes an Excess Liability Trust Fund [ELTF] for utilities in reference to the wastewater department's underground storage tanks.

A motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and

seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2016-15. Motion carried 6-0.

PROPOSED CULTURAL CENTER UPDATE

Council member Dean Vonderheide said the library board heard from the architect regarding the proposed plans turning the former Hoosier Desk building into a proposed cultural center. He said only one structure will be retained and the arts and library structures will be new.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved __ with X without corrections or clarification this 21st day of September 2016.

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Attest: _____
Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer